

# Regulatory and Market Effects of New Technologies: Advanced Distribution Management Systems

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Imagination at work.

### **GE Energy Management**

### GE's electrification and automation business

### We help our customers safely...

- Generate ✓ Transmit
- ✓ Distribute
  - ✓ Convert

- ✓ Protect
- ✓ Automate
  ✓ Control
- ✓ Optimize

electricity



**Motors & Generators** 



**Power Delivery** 



**Electrical equipment** 



**Protection** and control



Software



Variable frequency drive



Critical power



**High performance** automation



**Services** 



# Challenges of a Modern Grid

#### Complexity



Our grid is becoming more complex... distributed generation (wind & solar) is being added, where power now flows in two directions

#### Visualization



Situational awareness and visibility is becoming more critical

#### **Optimization**



Growing pressure to optimize operations and extend life of aging infrastructure

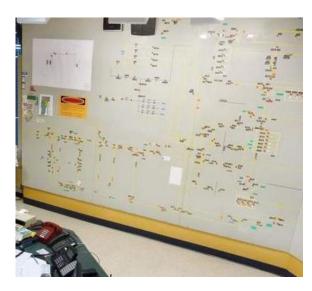
#### **Engagement**



Empowered
consumers are
becoming energy
producers and
partners; shaping a
different energy
future

### Operational transformation

### Today



- Localized network knowledge
- Paper based processes
- Limited situational awareness
- Limited network model voltages
- Siloed business operations
- Reactive business processes







#### **Tomorrow**



- Centralized systems and processes
- Digital technology platforms
- Full network measurements
- Up to date operational model
- Knowledge transfer
- Proactive network optimization



### Utility mandate - do more with less

#### **Key Performance Indicators:**

Safety

- Number of incidents
- Lost time injuries

**Financial** 

- Avoiding CAPEX
- Controlling OPEX

Operational Excellence

- Outage frequency/duration
- Efficiency of operations

# Utilities face the challenge of doing more with less

- At a minimum they must maintain current levels of safety, financial, and operational efficiency
- Network is becoming more complex with new devices and systems
- Customers are expecting more involvement



# GE's response... PowerOn™ Advantage

**Advanced Distribution Management System** 



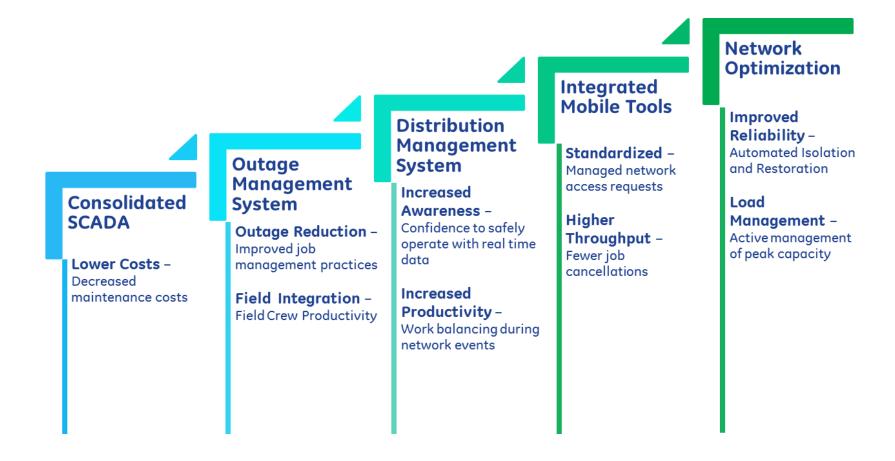
Building on the best of GE's OMS & DMS solutions into a single, modular platform

- ✓ One Network Model...
  Integrated & Streamlined Operation
- ✓ One User Interface...
  Intuitive User Experience
- ✓ One System Database... Simplified System & Modular Design

Delivering increased reliability, productivity, and efficiency



# Moving utilities up the maturity curve





### Power of One... ADMS business case

#### **Outage Management**



<u>Area</u>	<u>Benefit</u>	<u>KPI</u>	
Customer Service Improvement	Better work management practices during emergency response	Man Hours	1 6
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Outage Reduction	Connectivity model increase switching accuracy, prediction and reduce impact to affected customers	Avg Minutes Saved/Customer	
Customer Service Improvement	Customer call time reduced while improving quality of communication	Mins in Queue	
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Data Quality Improvement	Increased outage accuracy will aid the responders (Field crews and Call taking)	Avg Minutes Saved/Customer	
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Service Cost Reduction	Lower call center costs (fewer agents, more automation)	OPEX \$/yr Saved	

#### **Distribution Management**



<u>Area</u>	Benefit	<u>KPI</u>
Productivity Improvement	Enables the virtual control room and workload balancing	Jobs per week
Reliability Improvement	Faster response to outage events with automated schemes and switching recommendations	Avg Minutes Saved/Customer
Asset Damage Reduction	Reduced risk of operational errors, asset damage, and interrupted supply – with knowledge mgmt	OPEX \$/yr Saved
Network Investment Reduction	Increased network visibility to operate network closer to rating limitations	CAPEX\$
Efficiency Improvement	Optimized performance of the full distribution network- not just individual substations	OPEX \$/yr Saved



### Considerations for State PUCs

- The function of the distribution grid is changing... new capabilities are needed to keep pace
- New capabilities may warrant new approach to "cost effectiveness" ... net benefits vs. business case
- New technologies allow for transition from input-based to output-based regulation



# Thank You

